



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 240 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 19, 2022, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.4 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three-weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 186 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 19, 2022, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 8, 2022 through March 19, 2022 for the United States were 2.04 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2022

State	Week ending					
	February 12, 2022	February 19, 2022	February 26, 2022	March 5, 2022	March 12, 2022	March 19, 2022
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	34,660	34,752	34,544	34,763	34,716	34,703
Arkansas	24,662	24,662	24,368	24,849	23,933	24,216
Delaware	4,790	4,973	5,175	4,890	4,880	4,904
Florida	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194
Georgia	34,972	35,124	35,353	35,162	35,400	35,542
Kentucky	5,341	5,670	5,320	5,529	5,447	5,507
Louisiana	3,175	3,290	3,199	3,078	3,078	3,048
Maryland	7,992	7,333	7,837	7,881	7,902	7,916
Mississippi	16,792	16,735	16,578	16,686	16,569	16,732
Missouri	9,605	9,600	9,598	9,605	9,605	9,634
North Carolina	25,106	25,194	24,700	26,155	26,262	26,420
Oklahoma	7,622	7,494	7,761	7,658	7,481	7,710
Pennsylvania	6,508	6,497	6,619	6,536	6,517	6,563
South Carolina	5,531	5,457	5,599	5,557	5,177	5,117
Texas	19,089	19,122	19,283	19,330	19,039	18,632
Virginia	6,807	6,831	6,801	6,827	6,831	6,827
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,452	13,254	12,929	12,932	13,336	13,262
Other States	12,722	12,439	12,315	12,162	12,772	12,532
United States	240,020	239,621	239,173	240,794	240,139	240,459

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2022

State	Week ending					
	February 12, 2022	February 19, 2022	February 26, 2022	March 5, 2022	March 12, 2022	March 19, 2022
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,754	23,821	24,240	25,482	25,476	23,956
Arkansas	21,823	21,252	21,501	21,363	21,746	22,161
Delaware	5,102	5,854	4,348	4,603	4,746	4,747
Florida	1,123	1,142	1,212	1,216	1,121	1,194
Georgia	28,081	27,071	25,373	24,520	24,997	27,458
Kentucky	4,163	4,328	5,020	5,107	4,514	4,470
Louisiana	2,672	2,699	2,677	2,653	2,696	2,659
Maryland	5,311	5,154	5,429	6,001	4,628	5,541
Mississippi	13,185	13,747	13,799	13,804	13,845	13,630
Missouri	6,371	6,104	6,422	6,846	6,162	6,426
North Carolina	19,449	20,237	19,480	19,563	20,471	19,613
Oklahoma	4,348	4,708	4,606	4,285	4,717	3,399
Pennsylvania	4,093	4,055	4,472	4,192	4,264	4,212
South Carolina	4,552	3,829	5,322	5,204	4,231	4,332
Texas	14,254	14,866	14,754	14,819	14,873	15,090
Virginia	5,486	5,487	6,202	5,396	6,278	5,795
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,403	12,096	11,596	11,864	12,467	11,680
Other States	9,418	9,445	9,109	8,990	9,349	9,289
United States	184,588	185,895	185,562	185,908	186,581	185,652

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS regional field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS regional field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

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